

SUPT. SHAWKEY WANTS LARGER SCHOOL FUND

Proposed New Legislative
Recommendations are
Outlined.

PROMOTE NIGHT SCHOOLS

Free Text Books—Pensions
for Teachers—County
Unit System.

(By Associated Press.)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Important recommendations as to school legislation to be considered at the coming session of the West Virginia legislature have been outlined by State Superintendent of Free Schools M. P. Shawkey.

The proposed legislation is as follows:

Increasing of the permanent school fund, which is now one million dollars, making a larger amount available for distribution to the various districts.

Fixing the minimum amount at the general school fund at \$1,000,000 instead of \$750,000 as it is and has been for the last ten or twelve years. This is in the interest of the poorer districts that are unable to provide proper school facilities with the resources now provided.

A better and more effective compulsory school attendance law.

A minimum school term of seven months effective 1918 or very soon thereafter.

Raising of the minimum salaries for teachers in view of the increased cost of living.

Provision for promoting night school work.

Free text books provided by the state for all pupils.

Appointments of a single trustee for each one roomed school to serve under the direction of the board of education.

Pensions for teachers who have passed the active age of service.

Authority for honors of education to provide teacherages. A "teacherage" is a home for the teacher situated near the school, and its purpose is to aid in obtaining teachers who will live in the community and take permanent interest in its welfare.

Making the county the unit of taxation for school purposes.

Making the offices of the county and state superintendents appointive.

Increasing the number of teacher training high schools for the purpose of preparing more teachers for rural schools.

Some provision to encourage the rural graded schools to offer domestic science and manual training and other vocational subjects.

City Hall Notes

Sixty circular and blank proposals were mailed out to prospective bidders on the general improvement and refunding bonds of the city of Fairmont, issue of \$750,000. This was done by City Clerk Albert Kern, who has had more than his share of the work of compiling data of and pertaining to the bond issue. These bids will be opened at the city hall January 22, 1917, all bids of necessity being in at noon on that date.

The climatic changes of the past week has kicked the waterwagon off schedule. During the days when the streets were frozen over the fabled vehicle of repented drunks was kept where there was the least danger from skidding and it being freezing weather, the water could not be sprinkled on the streets.

New materials will be purchased by the city engineering force to start the work of surveying for the new bridges and the improvements to be made during next spring and summer.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Fred Holt and Mrs. E. H. Rankin, who had been the guests of their sister, Mrs. S. G. Kline, on Fairmont avenue, have returned to their homes in Charleston, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Southard, of Highland avenue, are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Columbus, O.

S. S. Cochran left yesterday for Toledo, O., to attend a meeting of the board of directors of the Owens Bottle Machine Co.

Mrs. S. G. Kline and son, Richard, are in Wheeling today consulting a specialist in regard to the latter's health.

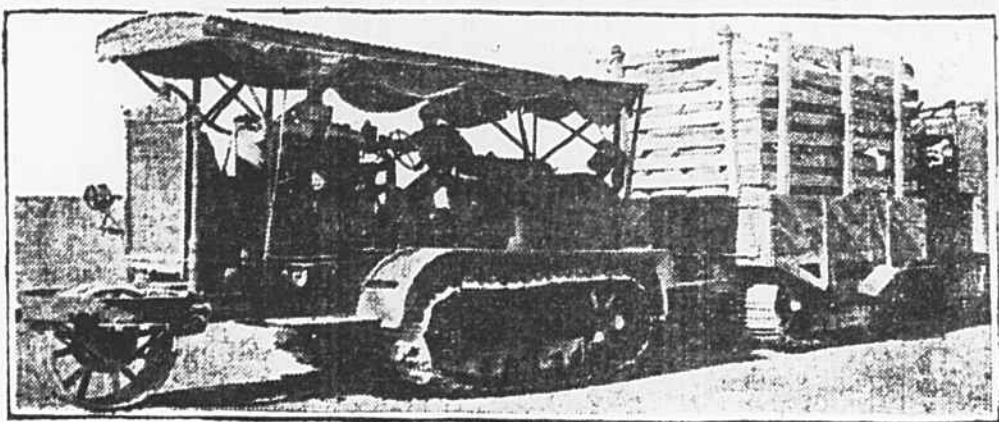
Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Whitford, of Highland avenue, have returned from a ten days' visit in New York and Washington, D. C.

Walter Stockley, who joined Mrs. Stockley and the children here for Christmas, will leave town tomorrow. A number of small informal entertainments have been given for Mr. and Mrs. Stockley.—Charleston Mail.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Johnston, of Scranton, Pa., have been visiting Mr. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Jennie Hupp, of Carleton street. They left this morning for Clarksburg to visit Mrs. Johnston's home.

Miss Toyle A. Hupp left for Washington Tuesday to visit Miss Marjorie Manning. Miss Hupp will leave Washington for Philadelphia in a few days to visit Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Moats, of that city.

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Town Talk

Coroner to Hold Inquests—A coroner's jury has been impaneled by County Coroner Frank Lloyd to investigate into the death of L. N. Jones, of the United States Mine Rescue car, which occurred October 29 last, when Jones went into Jamison mine No. 7 following the explosion of the 19th. The inquest will be held at the court house at 9 a. m. Friday. At the same place and as soon as the first inquest is completed the coroner will have another jury ready to decide concerning the killing of Fred "Buckeye" Shaver, of Monongah, several days ago.

Hospital Directors Meet—The directors of Cook hospital and the Marion County Medical Association will hold a meeting this evening at eight o'clock in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce when plans for the rebuilding of Cook Hospital will be discussed.

Clarksburg Car Stalls—The one o'clock traction company train from Clarksburg was stalled on Main street for a few minutes this afternoon by a motor blowing out. The stopping of the car on the street and the hundred or so persons that gathered around in a few minutes, gave rise to a rumor that a little boy had been run over. It was a good strong rumor and caused lots of talk and like many other rumors was not true.

Dragged by Horse—J. A. Fitch, a farmer of Union district, was severely injured about the head this morning by being dragged several hundred feet with his foot fast in the stirrup of a saddle which had turned throwing him and frightening the animal. Mr. Fitch was lying unconscious in the road when found by a neighbor and given medical attention. Because of the muddy condition of the roads this morning Mr. Fitch was riding to his work. He was able to be about this afternoon.

Repairing Hospital—New roofs, eelings, walls, windows, etc., are being placed rapidly in Cook hospital, the contractors having a large force of men and materials as needed, on the ground. Fires are being burned all over the building to warm the air and it is expected to have the building dried out by the time the repair work is finished.

Holiday Dance—The holiday dance at the Country Club tomorrow night promises to be the feature of the social events during holiday week. Many out of town visitors will be here for the occasion and a large number of the younger set who are home from college during the Christmas vacation will attend. Vincent's orchestra will furnish the music and a good menu has been arranged for supper.

Bell Building Delayed—The new Bell Telephone building will probably not be occupied before next April, declare contractors at work on the job, the non-arrival of ordered materials working today the delay. The building is now practically completed and has been turned over to the workmen of the Western Electric company, who will be busy for months installing the complicated equipment necessary.

Glenn Goodwin Injured—Charles Goodwin, of near Bridgeport, and Glenn Goodwin, of Fairmont, are patients in a Clarksburg hospital suffering from severe injuries received when an automobile in which they and two others were riding went over a 30-foot embankment yesterday on the Brushy Fork road. Faust Goodwin, of near Bridgeport, received a broken arm and other hurts.

Point of Similarity.
"And how do you like married life, Jerry?" Shortstop Newklyd.—"Well, Jake, she's just like an umpire. She never thinks I'm safe when I'm out!" —Puck.

DANCER NAMED AS CAUSE OF DIVORCE



The divorce suit of Mrs. John L. DeSaules against the famous Yale quarterback and society man charges association of DeSaules with Miss Sawyer, Broadway dancer, caused disagreement. Mrs. DeSaules was Senorita Blanca Arizauriz, daughter of the richest woman in Chile.

Novel Domestic Problem.
Knicker—"Won't the cook leave?" Rucker—"No, and the waitress has gone on a sympathetic strike and says she will stay, too."

A Disciple of Chivalry.
A lad with tortoise shell glasses read "The Knights of the Round Table" in a subway train, while an elderly woman and a girl clung to straps directly in front of him.

QUIET DELL

Mrs. Rem Rudy spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Henderson.

Mrs. Frances Smith, of Triune, spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Rudy.

Mr. and Mrs. Avis Henderson was visiting at Mr. George Lake's on Gladys creek Sunday.

J. D. Henderson, of Plum run, was calling on Rem Rudy Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Rudy and her mother, Mrs. Frances Smith, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vangness on Goose creek Tuesday.

Merrick Vincent, of Fairmont, spent Christmas with his grandfather, Mr. J. Vincent.

Miss Martha Ling was shopping at Fairmont Saturday.

Marion Rudy and Miss Goldie Henderson surprised their many friends Saturday by going to Fairmont and having wedding nuptials performed at the M. P. parsonage by the Rev. Mitchell. They were welcomed home by a big serene Christmas night.

Gave Them to the Poor.
The policeman who can't figure out what four little boys did with half a carload of watermelons evidently don't know little boys.

The Consistencies.
"Are you going to wear that straw hat all winter?" "Sure," replied Mr. Meekton. "Henrietta wore her furs all summer."

Optimistic Thought.
"Th only real neutral in the game of life is the dead one."

Discrimination.
All old Ananias did was to tell a whopper about how much he got for something he sold, and still candidates, and even campaign managers, are allowed to live on.

Through battlefield and blood-stained mart.
I glimpse thy Guiding Star of Hope; It shines above an humble heart! On this, Earth's darkest Christmas morn.

There shines a radiance divine, For unto us a Child is born; This Star of Hope is still the sign! The guns are sounding their own doom.

"No room! No room!"

NELSON TOMORROW —THEATER— THURSDAY

MASTER OF HER SOUL

A three part Knickerbocker Star feature in which two friends are the suitors for one girl. The girl chooses the man of wealth while the other goes to a fever's life to do the good he can for humanity. There is a vast amount of scenery in this play, a ship wreck and a number of startling situations. It is deep in pathos but has a satisfactory ending.

JAIL BIRDS

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DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SWAPPING EARLY—

Christmas Weddings Are Increasing

The spirit of Christmas giving was increased this year even to the number of persons who made themselves the Christmas gift, and got married. In the last three years the practice of celebrating Christmas by getting married has been on a decline.

In 1913, 46 persons during the month of December decided to hitch up and start the new year in double harness while last December that number had dwindled to but 22.

This year however, the giving spirit began to revive and already this month 42 couples have celebrated the Christmas season in the good old fashioned way. If the percentage keeps up it is probable that 50 couples will have fallen in line by the time 1917 says good morning.

Slightly Mixed.

There is a good anecdote of an Irishman giving the password at the battle of Fontenoy, at the time the great Saxe was marshal. "The password is Saxe; now, don't forget it," said the colonel. "Saxe; faith, I won't. Wasn't my father a miller?" "Who goes there?" cried the sentry, after he had arrived at the pass. The Irishman looked as confidential as possible and whispered in a sort of howl: "Bags, yer honor."



By CHARLES B. DRISCOLL

Like Magi of another day, I look for Thee, I Infant King. Because the holy prophets say, The heavens of thy coming sing.

In palaces, and marts I march, In hostelry and garish inn; I seek Thee in the shell-scattered church, All these are filled with battle din.

I only hear the cannon boom; "No room! No room!"

Above the music of the bells, Above the voice of angel choir, I hear the screaming of the shells, The roarin of consuming fire.

Upon the fields of Flanders wide, Upon the far-flung Russian plain, I seem to see Thee crucified, And hear thy voice cry out in pain.

As burning towns the skies illumine; "No room! No room!"

As through the war-mad world I grope, Through battlefield and blood-stained mart.

I glimpse thy Guiding Star of Hope; It shines above an humble heart! On this, Earth's darkest Christmas morn.

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GLAD TIDINGS For After Xmas Shoppers OUR WONDERFUL SUCCESSFUL SALE of Manufacturers' Surplus Stock

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Who was it that said "A good digestion and a merry heart will do more to prevent wrinkles than any wrinkle cream invented?" Whoever did say it is pretty nearly right, isn't he?

Health Hint.
Hot milk heated to as high a temperature as it can be drunk is a most refreshing stimulant in cases of cold or overfatigue. Its action is very quick and grateful. It gives real strength as well as acting food.

Insure Against Crop Failure.
The Portvians have a system of insuring against failure of crops; and in addition they burn offerings of drugs and aromatic plants and make small images and bury these in the fields for the benefit of the crops and the herds.

Daily Thought.
Even in the anxieties of life, when we are like pilgrims walking with pens in our shoes, still there is the scent of flowers, the song of the birds, and the sweet light of heaven about our path.—Grey.

Pre-Inventory Sale Of Fine Pianos, Player Pianos and Organs

We take inventory of our stock the first of January and would much rather invoice sales than stock, and have decided to offer the greatest bargains ever offered in Fairmont. Now is your chance to secure a high grade piano at a very low price. We have just seven new pianos and one second hand piano left over from the Christmas sale—2 Lesters, 2 Kurtzmans, 1 Hammond, 1 Marshall and 1 Autoplayer Piano. Also 1 high grade Bush and Gerto second hand. This sale begins Wednesday morning, December 27, 1916, and continues to and including January 1, 1917.

We must sell these pianos to make room for our new stock coming in the first of the year. Take advantage of our very low prices and buy the piano you have contemplated buying for so long. Easy payments can be arranged without interest. Come in and make your selection. Courteous treatment extended to all.

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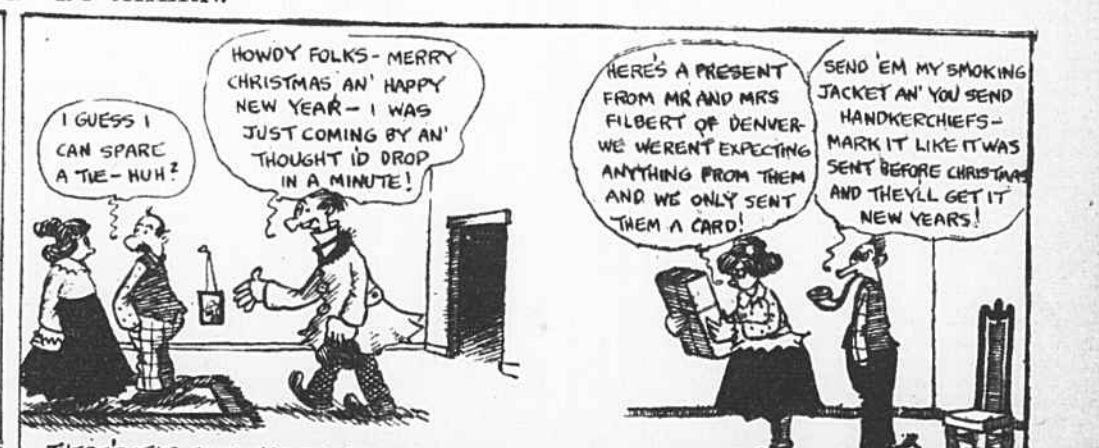
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